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11. Embassy political officer delivered reftel demarche on the appointment of the next secretary general as a non-paper, in official Spanish translation, to MFA chief of staff under secretary Jose Manuel Trullols, acting UN affairs director

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Rhadys Abreu de Polanco, and legal adviser Miguel Pichardo on March 8. Trullols took particular note of our point that selection of the next secretrary general should be based on a candidate's personal leadership qualifications rather than regional rotation. He thanked us for expressing our views and said they would be duly considered as the selection process gets underway.

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